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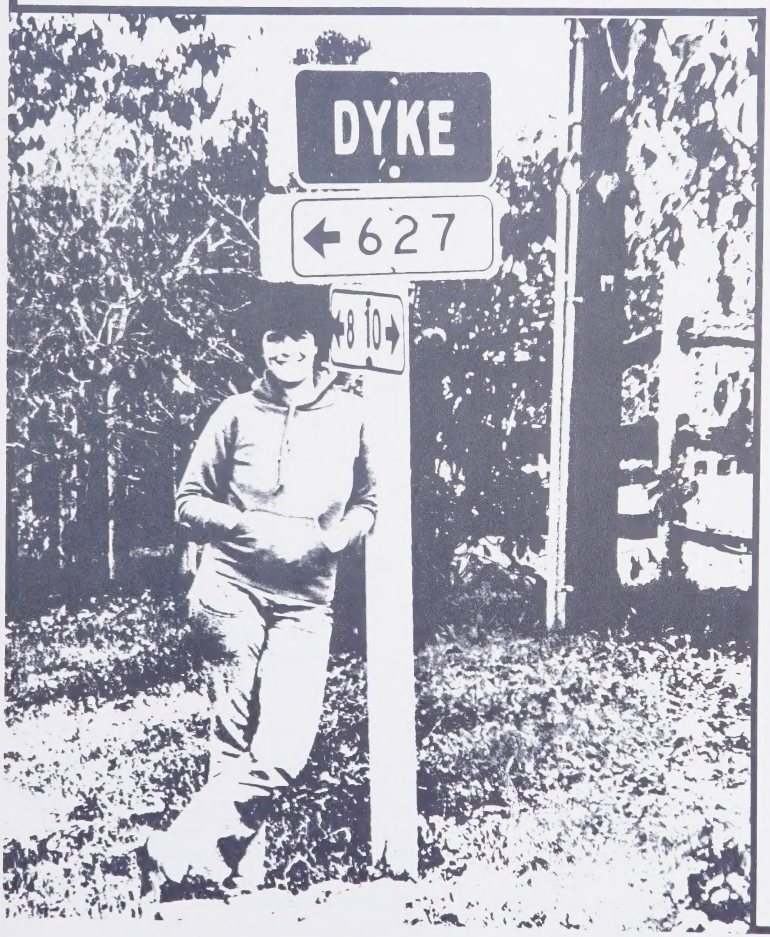
WOMONSPACE

our voice in the lesbian community



NEWS

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Womonspace is a social, recreational and educational organization for the lesbian community of Edmonton and area. We are registered under the Societies Act. Womonspace was formed a number of years ago by a few womyn who saw a need in the lesbian community of Edmonton. Part of the vision of the original founding members was to form a alternative to the gay bars and clubs. Out of this vision evolved our monthly dances, the newsletter and our Thursday night drop-ins. The members of Womonspace have asked for and organized workshops of interest to lesbians; car rallies, ski trips, camping trips and a library geared for us. Womonspace has provided a more creative environment for the womyn to get together and for them to learn to work together and support each other. Every single activity is done by volunteers. The drop-ins are hosted by volunteers, everyone who works at our dances is a volunteer. Our newsletter is completely prepared by volunteers. It's OUR society, OUR organization. It's what ever we want to put into it. It's womyn supporting womyn, taking care of each other and ourselves, creating a better environment for our sisters coming out behind us.

Our address is 10826 - 124 Street 2nd floor. Our phone number is 453 - 7937. If you have any questions or comments please give us a call. We would like to hear from YOU !

Front Cover:
Eye to eye: Portrait of Lesbians
Photographs by Jeb, MO. Naiad Press, Inc. 1979

CAMPOUT

The annual Womonspace campout will be held August 21, 22 & 23 at Minnow Lake. Please leave your name and number on the phone line is you are interested. We are planning on having a few extras this year guaranting a fantastic time !!!!

love is...

... Doing volunteer work.

MAY DANCE

I would like to thank all the co-ordinators for the help they gave at the May Dance and the L.M.D.F. volunteers for their effort that was put forth to make the dance as successful as it was.

Dee S.
Dance Co-ordinator

CAR RALLY

The annual Womonspace car rally will be held Saturday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m. starting time. So get those engine started for the 2 hour course filled with clues, mysteries and intrigue, ending with a potluck bar-be-que. Entry fee is $5.00 per vehicle (driver and navigator). Entry forms available in July Newsletter. Prizes !!!!

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Gala 87

UPDATED DATES, TIMES & EVENTS
(DISREGARD INFO IN NEWSLETTER)

The GALA Steering committee announces these events to mark GALA 87- Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week, June 22-28, 1987.

Monday June 22, -- FIREWORDS an important feminist film, produced by the NFB- Studio D---A trilogy of Lesbian Feminist Authors from Quebec. The National Film Board Theatre, 10031- 103 Ave 7:00 p.m. A donation of $5.00 is requested.

Tuesday June 23 "FIT FOR LIFE", a fun evening of skits hosted by Joan Crosbie
at Theatre Network 11845 77 St 8:30 p.m. FREE

Wednesday June 24 Common Womon Books, 8210 104 St 7-9p.m. BOOK SALE (10% off Lesbian books) Refreshments will be served

Wednesday June 24 "RETROSPECTIVE" A dramatization of our lesbian and gay pasts Sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Youth Group -- the North Side Unitarian Church 12530 110 Ave 8:00 p.m. FREE Coffee will be served

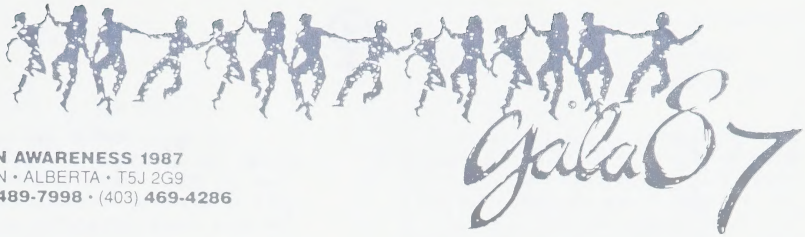
Thursday June 25 WINE AND CHEESE DROP IN at Womonspace, 10824 124 St
7-9 p.m. Call 453 7973 for information

Friday June 26-- Moving Stage Theatre from Calgary performs--"COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE" at the Nexus Theatre 10025 Jasper Ave(bsmt of McCauley Plaza) Door 7:30, Curtain 8.00 Tickets $7.00 at the door

Friday June 26, Lesbian and Gay A.A. Open Meeting, Unitarian Church 12530 110 Ave, All welcome, 8 p.m. Coffee served

Saturday June 27 GALA DANCE, sponsored by Womonspace (call 453 7937) and Gay Alliance Toward Equality(call 424 8361) at the Bonnie Doon Community Centre 9240 93 St 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Advance ticket purchase recommended

Sunday June 28 GALA PICNIC AND COMMUNITY POT LUCK Rundle Park Site 5, Noon to 9 p.m. Ecumenical Church Service on site at 1:30- other activities include croquet, Tug of War, Volleyball, Baseball Game at 2 p.m. Sponsored by Dignity, Metropolitan Community Church and the Roughnecks Volleyball Team Call GALA at 469 4286 or 489 7998



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MONDAY — JUNE 22 FILM

An important feminist film - FIREWOODS - from studio D NFB - A Trilogy of Lesbian Feminist Authors from Quebec. At the National Film Board Theatre-10031 - 103 Ave. 7:00 P.M. A $2.00 donation is requested.

TUESDAY — JUNE 23 DRAMA

"RETROSPECTIVE" - A dramatization of our Gay & Lesbian History- Sponsered by the Gay & Lesbian Youth Group. At the North Side Unitarian Church, 12530 - 110 Ave. 7:30 P.M. FREE Coffee will be served.

WEDNESDAY — JUNE 25 BOOK SALE

BOOK SALE. At Common Woman Books, 8210 - 104 ST. 7 to 9 P.M. 10% off Lesbian Books-Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY — JUNE 25 WINE & CHEESE

WINE & CHEESE DROP-IN at Womonspace, 10826 - 124 ST. 7 to 9 P.M. Call for more information 453 - 7937.

FRIDAY — JUNE 26 THEATRE

Moving Stage Theatre out of Calgary performs "Come Out Come Out Whereever You Are" at the Nexus Theatre - 10025 - Jasper AVE.(bsmt. of McCauley Plaza). Door 7:30 P.M. Curtain 8:00 P.M. Tickets are $7.00 at the door.

SATURDAY — JUNE 27 GALA DANCE

GALA DANCE- Come to the Bonnie Doon Community Centre 9240 - 93 ST. 8 to 1:30 A.M. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Sponsored by Gay Alliance Toward Equality -424-8361 and Womonspace - 453 - 7937 for more information.

SUNDAY — JUNE 28 GALA PICNIC

GALA PICNIC AND COMMUNITY POT LUCK - at Rundle Park, Site #5. Noon to 9P.M. ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE- Tug of War- Volleyball - Baseball Game at 2:00 P.M. - Croquet. An ecumenicial church service will be held on site at 1:30 P.M. Sponsered by Dignity, M.C.C., and the Roughnecks Volleyball Team. For more information call GALA 469 - 4286

LAS VEGAS BAR SCENE

The reasons I went to Las Vegas were twofold. The first was to reunite myself with a very dear friend and his family. When I was 21 I met Mike and his sister Connie and her daughter Vicki. They had treated me like family. I hadn't seen them since 1981 and it was time to go.

The second reason I went to Vegas was to, of course, check out the bar scene. Mike had told me alot about it, but to experience it was the only way to believe it.

Firstly the bars are open 24 hours. One has to find out when the peak times are at each bar as it is different for each.

Secondly is to meet someone. That part is easy. The people who frequent the bars are always curious about a new face. No one is left without someone to talk to. I met some wonderful people from all over the U.S. in these bars.

Now for the bars themselves. The first one I went to was called Maxies. It is at the very east end of Charleston Blvd. As a matter of fact I thought I was going to drive out of Vegas. It was situated on Nellis, the last set of lights before leaving Vegas. There was a lot of women there. This is due to it being an all womyn bar. There are of course, slots as well as darts, pool and video games. There is also a dance floor which is used on the weekends.

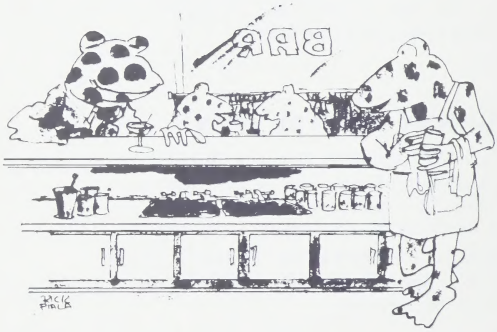
The next bar I went to was called The Clowns Den. Again slots, video and pool. This is a mixed bar. On these special activities nights, admission is $1.00. This includes food. While I was there, they had a Mexican festival. I got to break the Pinijatya. It was full of small sex toys. The Clowns Den is located between Boulder Highway and Freemont just where they meet.

The place to dance is called Gypsies. However it is dead until about 1:00 a.m. . Then people seem to come out of the woodwork. They dance until about 6:00 a.m. then disapear again. Gypsies is located just before Tropicana behind the Strip.

These bars listed are mainly for or exclusively for womyn. There are others for men but I didn't go to any of these.

Las Vegas has no gay organization for either men or womyn, except for a AIDS hot line and MCC. There is a lot of night as well as day life for Lesbians in that city. The bars are a lot of fun and offer a lot for any new lesbian in that town. To say the least I had a lot of fun.

Jacquie



"After a hard day,

it's nice to be with your own kind, isn't it?"

July Newsletter-
Need articles
Please submit any article prior to July 17. We would like to hear from Spiritual Lesbians and those who feel they are leading a healthy lifestyle.

BETWEEN US

laughter
sometimes is the only
thing that keeps
me going
i can cry
sad movies
lost friends and old
memories
will do it everytime
pride and strength
i have known these
also
shame rejection
vulnerability (a big word)
i can even sing
the blues
because i have
been hurt too

i am not
different
i can love
and yet it is
my love
that makes
me so

February 10, 1986
1:38 a.m.
Angela D.

ROUGHNECKS - a gay sports club are hosting a drop-in baseball game every Sunday from 2:30P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Oliver School 102 AVE. and 117 ST. Any skill level welcome, so come out and participate.

The Roughnecks are also looking for slowpitch players for a competetive league on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Having fun is a important part of this league. Call 482 - 0966 for further information.

WOMONSPACE NEWS is published monthly by Womonspace Social, Recreational and Educational Society of Edmonton. Womonspace is a non-profit organization for lesbians in Edmonton and surrounding areas.

Women's Committee of Latitude 53 Gallery

The women's committee of Latitude 53 Gallery invites all artists, historians, critics and curators to help:

provide an open forum for discussion (women's concerns and feminist issues relating to the art world)

build a network of communication

end isolation of women artists in Alberta

help women to develop professional skills.

For more information call 439-1985. Forward biographies and submissions to: 10920-88 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 0Z1. Latitude 53 Society of Artists is supported by the Canada Council, the City of Edmonton, Alberta Culture, Alberta Art Foundation and by the donated services and energy of our members and the community.

GATE

GAY ALLIANCE TOWARD EQUALITY

10173-104 St. EDMONTON (403)424-8361

Wednesday nights are womyn's night at the Gay Alliance Toward Equality. Drop-in at #104, 10173 - 104 Street, between 7 and 10 p.m., Monday to Saturday, Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., or call 424-8361.

Besides the drop-ins, GATE offers peer counselling on a personal and confidential level and has an excellent library.

Dear Merideth:

I have been in the community for a long time. I have a big problem. I don't seem to make any lasting relationships. For example : I meet a womon and take her home. She is not ready for a relationship. How do I get her to make a commitment?

Wanting more than
a one night stand.

Dear Wanting:

People have to get to know each other before a relationship happens. Meeting Ms. Right takes time and patience. If you don't wish to wait, try picking up the same womon over and over again. If she goes with you fine. If not pretend you are playing the field.

Love Merideth

"Oh, it wasn't as early as 'Sgt. Pepper'
I didn't come out until 'Abbey Road'."

WOMONSPACE
membership application

Womonspace *is a non-profit, social, recreational and educational resource group for the lesbian community of Edmonton and surrounding areas. As a self supporting organization, Womonspace is run by its volunteer members.* ***Womonspace*** *provides an opportunity to attend monthly dances, weekly drop-ins, and other lesbian activities. Members must be female, 18 years of age or more, and must pay the membership fee annually. All information that you entrust to Womonspace will be held in the strictest of confidence.*

Name: _____ *Phone:* _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ *Are you over the age of 18 years?* _____

I wish to apply for: (check one)

☐ *Active Membership*

> ***Active*** *members are required to do 12 hours of volunteer work per year. These members have the right to one vote at any general or annual meeting, after having attended one general meeting. *Attending board and general meetings does not constitute volunteer services.*

☐ *Outreach Membership*

> ***Outreach*** *members waive the right to vote. This membership is geared to facilitate those women who would find it difficult to be active members and are unable to volunteer the 12 hours/year.*

ALL MEMBERS *will receive the monthly newletter, and will qualify for reduced rates at specified activities. All members may receive minutes of meetings upon request.*

☐ *Enclosed is my $10.00 registration fee.*

☐ *I wish to apply to the Womonspace Board to waive the $10.00 fee due to financial circumstances.*

I understand that as a member of ***Womonspace****, I am responsible for following the policies of the Womonspace Constitution, and declare that the above information, to the best of my knowledge is correct.*

Signed _____

Date _____

Information regarding the Constitution is available from Womonspace, or from any board member.

Please complete reverse side...

What are your interests, hobbies, skills, and/or talents?

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What activities would you like to see Womonspace involved in?

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If you are applying for an Active membership, is there any specific area in which you would like to volunteer?

____*Dances*

____*Drop In*

____*Activities Committee*

____*Newsletter Committee*

____*P.R. Directions Committee*

____*Please place me where I am needed the most.*

If paying by cheque, make payable to ***WOMONSPACE*** *and mail applications to:*

WOMONSPACE
10826 - 124 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5M 0H3

Taken from the Edmonton Journal
May 10, 1987

LETTER OF THE DAY

Please Print this 1870 article by Julia Ward Howe and possibly it will make people realize that Mothers' Day is not just a day for kids to give their mothers gifts of breakfast in bed but a day for mothers to review the values that they are teaching their children and possibly reinforce the feeling outlined in this article.

Arise, then women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, Say firmly:"We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking of carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender to those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure their sons."

As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war let women now leave all that may be left home for a great and earnest day of counsel.

Let them meet first, as women to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace...

Carol Ryland

Shared with you by Denise W.

BENNER FUND FOR PEER COUNSELLING

A fund has been established in memory of Dean Benner. The purpose of the fund is to support peer-counselling programs in the gay and lesbian community. It will be administered by a sub-committee of three people.

They are now in a position to accept donations. Cheques should be made payable to the fund and sent to:

Benner Fund
Box 1852
Edmonton, AB
T5J 2P2

If you need a receipt for income tax purposes, you can send your donations to:

Benner Fund
C.H.R.
Box 1912
Winnepeg, Manitoba
R3C 3R2

Please specify that the donation is for the Benner Fund, c/o GATE, Edmonton. For further information, please contact GATE.

PAINTING OF THE OFFICE

Despite Gail getting into body painting, Denise spraining her ankle falling off a chair and Anne and Gail's cars both being towed away ... The Womospace office was finally painted with added help of three little ones. We appreciate it and thanks loads for a job very well done if not complicated.

Jacquie B.
Board Member
Womonspace

GATE LOOKING FOR COUNSELLORS

If you were a counsellor at GATE in the past, and can spare some time now, please let me hear from you.

If you are interested in taking the peer-counselling course, please let me know. I can be reached during normal business hours at either the GATE office 424-8361 or at home 482-6704. If you can volunteer some time, WE NEED YOU.

Wayne Hellard
Social Services Director

VANCOUVER HAPPENINGS

The Vancouver Lesbian Centre is open Monday to Friday, 11 to 4 P.M. We have a library, housing board, referrals, women's art exhibits, social events calendar, pool table, and much, much more. We are located at 876 Commercial Drive. Drop in for a coffee and meet us.

METAMORPHOSIS
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invites submissions from
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ARTISTS, PERFORMERS,
ENTERTAINERS, CRAFTSPEOPLE
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
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Hear Ye...

BOARD MEETING

Members of Womonspace Board of Directors and other interested members are invited to the following meeting(s) held at the Women's Building (10826 - 124 St.) at 7:30 p.m.

Our Next Meeting is **Tues., June 2**

GENERAL MEETING

The General Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Women's Building (10826 - 124 St.) at 7:30 p.m. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend.

Our Next Meeting is **Tues., June 9**

DANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

If you are interested in getting involved in the planning and running of our monthly dances, then please attend our meetings held on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Building (10826 - 124 St.)

Our Next Meeting is **Thurs., July 2**

NEWSLETTER MEETING

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the various areas (writing, editing, collation, production, distribution, typing) please attend this meeting held at the Women's Building (10826 - 124 St.) at 7:00 p.m.

Our Next Meeting is **Wed., June 17**

LESBIAN DROP-IN

Every Thursday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Womonspace holds a regular drop-in at the Women's Building (10826 - 124 St.) in the main meeting room. Joinus this Thursday for a relaxed evening of coffee and conversation. **All are welcome!**

PLEASE NOTE:

Articles published in Womonspace News do not necessarily reflect the policies and opinions of Womonspace.

WOMONSPACE DANCE

BONNIE DOON HALL
9240 - 93 Street

SAT., JUNE 20

8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

ADMISSION — MEMBERS $5.00
NON-MEMBERS $6.00

SAT., JUNE 27

8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

DANCE

BONNIE DOON HALL

ADMISSION — WOMONSPACE AND GATE MEMBERS $5.00
NON-MEMBERS $7.00